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REMARKS

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1. Between 12 and 18 February 1951, four thousand 100-gram rolls and two thousand 1,000 gram loaves of white bread were delivered daily to the Kavallerie Schule Krampnitz, near Potsdam (N 53/2 63) from the cooperative stores. The Panzer Kaserne in Alt Glienicke received two thousand 100-gram rolls daily of bread from the cooperative stores between 12 and 18 February.

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2. On 15 February, six guns of about 120 mm were emplaced along the Wildpark/West-Kuhfort-Geltow road, their barrels pointing north. The Bergmeierei Inn in Geltow was occupied by an observation post which was connected with the gun positions by telephone.
3. On 12 and 13 February, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz seemed to be occupied to capacity. about 2,000 troops were quartered in the installation. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with signal, artillery and tank insignia. The billeting area was bisected by a board fence, about 2 meters high. Three units, each of 200 to 250 men, assembled near the main gate to listen to a radio address on 13 February. Several small armored scout cars were observed during that period. Motor vehicles were identified in the billeting area.

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4. On 14 February, gate guards at the Hohenlohe Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. the installation quartered a signal unit and an infantry regiment. A motor convoy observed at the installation included sedan trucks tank truck field kitchen and motor vehicles. Some of the trucks were loaded with telephone equipment. (3)

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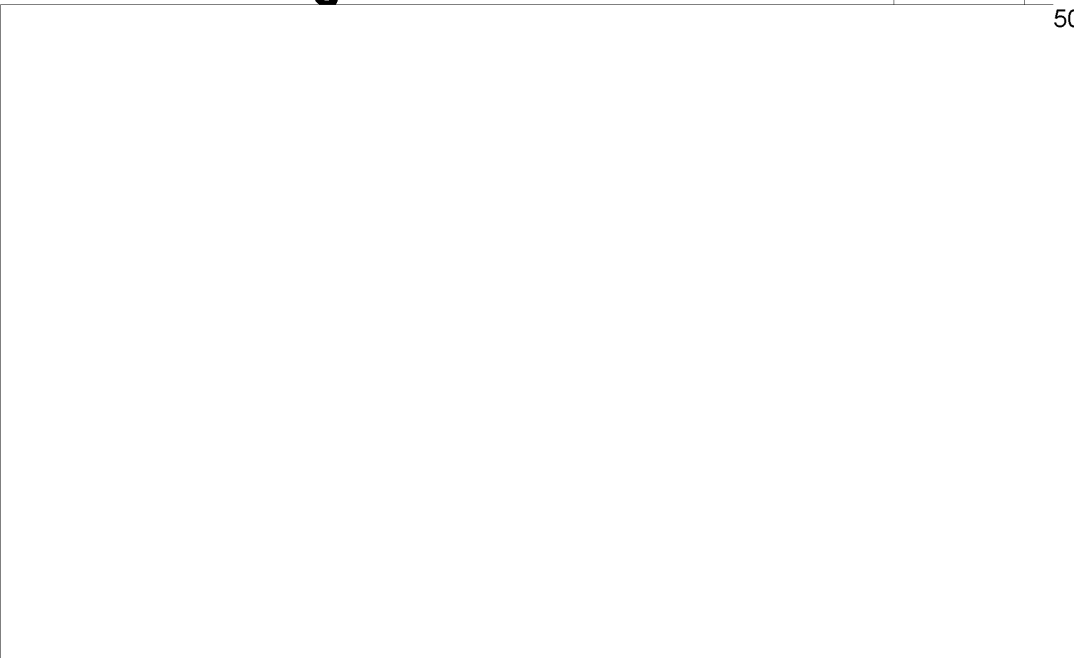
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6. Gate guards at the Delius Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets.



b. [redacted] schedule for loading and distribution of motor vehicles of Unit A in case of alert [redacted]

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<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Loading Personnel</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Time of Loading After 11-hour</u>
1.	Headquarters and officers' equipment	Willys	2 M of 2nd Co	Gds Major Sukharev, (fnu)	20 Min
2.	Kitchen and ration supplied	Studebaker [redacted]	A squad of 1st Co	Gds Senior Sgt Pashkov, (fnu)	30 Min
3.	Technical equipment of 1st and 2nd Co	ZIS - 5 [redacted]	One squad each of 1st and 2nd Co	Gds Capt Sidorovich, (fnu), and Gds Senior Lt Chermoshentsev, (fnu)	30 Min

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5. Equipment of the flame thrower platoon ZIS - 5 [redacted] A squad of the flame thrower platoon Gds Senior Lt Pashkov or Pashkov, (fnu) 30 Min

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Note: In addition to the motor vehicles, two horse-drawn vehicles will be assigned to each company and a motorcycle to the headquarters. The loaded vehicles will assemble in a column at the collection point.



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e. [redacted] the equipment to be taken along by the companies in case of alarm:

Type of Equipment	1st Co	2nd Co
Stream-crossing Equipment:		
LTP boats	1	-
Swimming suits	2	3
Life preservers	5	5
Engineer range-finder	1	1
Road Equipment:		
Model Zubotin clinometer (burned off)
Electrical Equipment:		
Flashlights (burned)
KDE batteries (burned)
APK generators (burned)
Mining Equipment:		
Mine detectors with two sets of generators	4	5
Barbed-wire cutters	9	9
Mine clearing rods	10	10
Koshka (an anchor with a rope)	15	15
Probes	15	15
Rolls of white ribbon	1	-
Explosives:		
PK-1 demolition machine	1	1
Large standard ohmmeter	1	-
Pocket-size standard ohmmeter	1	1
Pouches for demolition engine crs	8	7
Clamps	8	7
Engineer lead wire	750 meters	750 meters
Model 63 bursting charge	1	1
Model Krab demolition machine	1	-
Entrenching Tools:		
Short standard spades for all soldiers	40	40
Engineer spades	9	9
Military axes	-	-
Carpenter's axes	25	25
Light pickaxes	4	4
Heavy pickaxes	4	4
Standard cross-cut saws	4	4

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Short cross-cut saws	3	3
Three edged files	9	9
Grindstone	1	1
Engineer Tools:		
Set No 2	1	1
Set No 3	1	1
Set No 11	1	1
Engineer metric measure	1	1
Ammunition and Optical Instruments:		
Rounds of rifle ammunition	2,850	2,850
Rounds of pistol ammunition	1,500	1,500
Field glasses	3	2
Compasses	10	10
Gas Protective Equipment:		
Standard gasmasks	-	-
Gas protective cabs	15	15
(Sixteen illegible items followed)		

General Equipment:

Blank wire	7.5 meters	7.5 meters
Twine	1 kg	1 kg
Sandbags	10	10
Printed forms	10	10
Water container for		
the battalion kitchen	1	-
Motorized field kitchen	1	-

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Note: Additional items will be issued from the regimental supply room to the company sergeants of Unit A and, of Unit E, seven minutes later. 50X1-HUM

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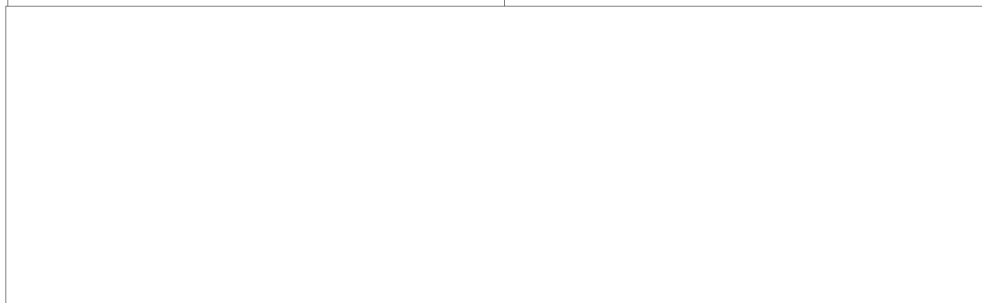
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3. Gato guards at the Artillerie Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several horse-drawn supply vehicles were seen. Truck [redacted] was parked in front of the barracks installation. [redacted]

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9. The unit from the Delius Kaserne returned to the installation during the night of 17 February. [redacted] the unit had gone to Jueterbog, allegedly only for a road march exercise following an alert, rather than for firing at the Jueterbog range. (8) On 20 February, the unit [redacted] began to prepare its vehicles for road movement. [redacted] the unit would soon be leaving again. The ration strength written on the mess schedule for 21 February was 204 officers and 918 EM. (9) The activity of the troops in the Delius Kaserne from 18 February to 28 February were described as follows: 50X1-HUM

- a. 18 February: All officers and EM went to the polls to elect deputies to the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republics.
- b. 19 February: All troops cleaned artillery pieces and vehicles from 9:20 a.m. to noon, did maintenance work in the garages from 12:15 to 4:45 p.m. and received indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m.
- c. 20 February: Same routine as on 19 February, in addition, caterpillar tractors were loaded with logs.
- d. 21 February: Same routine as on 19 February. Groups of from 10 to 15 soldiers went to the clothing rooms to be issued new uniforms throughout the day.
- e. 22 February: Recruits were on fatigue duty from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at guard drill from 1:30 to 3 p.m. while the trained personnel were engaged in fatigue duty from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. All troops received indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m.
- f. 23 February: Recruits were drilling with eight 76.2-mm AT guns from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. while the trained personnel practiced with four 152-mm and eight 122-mm guns from 9:10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All troops cleaned artillery pieces from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

g. 24 February: Same routine as on 23 February.

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h. 26 February: All troops left the installation for the target range at 9:10 a.m., organized into eight units of about 100 troops each. Firing equipment was hauled to the target range on trucks [redacted]

i. 27 February: About 180 recruits left the billeting area for the target range at 9:20 a.m. Practice targets and ten boxes with hand grenades were hauled there on truck [redacted]. The trained personnel were on fatigue duty in the gun sheds from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. All troops were assembled for indoctrination at 5 p.m.

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j. 28 February: Beginning at 8:30 a.m., all troops went to the hospital for medical examinations. Some of the recruits and the trained personnel were seen meanwhile in the gun sheds, exchanging old vehicle tires for new ones.

10. An AAA unit was loaded at the Potsdam freight yard on 28 February. About 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in the loading of 24 heavy AA guns. A total of 23 trucks, 2 radio trucks and 2 field kitchens were loaded. Forty more trucks stood in the driveway to the freight yard. [redacted] Some of the trucks were loaded with furniture. (10) 50X1-HUM

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11. Between 17 and 27 February, the restricted area north of Jungfern Lake was completely vacated and unguarded. The 20 wooden barracks buildings there were empty. The tents previously seen there had been removed. (11) 50X1-HUM

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12. About 120 soldiers were quartered in the northern section of the large barracks building of the Polizei Kaserne or 3d Garde Ulanen Kaserne, on the west side of Jaegerallee. Gate guards there wore crimson epaulets. The first floor of the southern section of the large barracks building fronting on Jaegerallee billeted officers, while the upper floor contained classrooms. At 8:30 a.m. on 19 February, officers and some NCOs with infantry, artillery, and tank insignia, coming from various directions, went to the classrooms. A veterinary hospital has been established in the stables on the northern side of the installation. The southern section of the billeting area housed a motor vehicle repair shop of the Koch. Truck [] was observed there. 50X1-HUM
Some of the personnel at the repair shop were Germans. Motor vehicles [] 50X1-HUM
[] entered the installation through Gate II []
13. The former German military post hospital south of Fappelallee housed a Soviet hospital. Soldiers of all branches of service, including the air force, were 50X1-HUM
observed. Ambulances [] were seen. 50X1-HUM
14. The southern section of the barracks building of the UnteroffiziersSchule on the east side of Jaegerallee still quartered about 250 engineer troops. Horse-drawn vehicles entered and left the billeting area. The northern section of the building housed a club which was also accessible to Germans. [] 50X1-HUM
15. The Ruinenberg Kaserne or 1st Garde-Ulanen Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation housed a driving school or a motor transport unit. Convoys of 15 to 20 trucks were seen daily leaving the barracks installation toward the Brandenburger Gate, where they broke formation. Motor vehicles [] 50X1-HUM
were seen at Gate No 1 of the billeting area and driving school vehicles [] 50X1-HUM
[] at Gate No 2. (14)
16. [] the former Landgericht (provincial court) building at 8 Hegelallee housed a headquarters. Primarily infantry and artillery 50X1-HUM
officers were observed there. Rooms in the building were furnished with office equipment. Sentries wore crimson epaulets. Passenger cars [] 50X1-HUM
[] were parked in the yard. (15) [] Soviet Tailor Shop [] was located at 14 Hegelallee. [] 50X1-HUM
17. [] the Soviet office in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on the north side of Fappelallee had moved into the installation from Karlshorst on 5 August 1945. Security measures in the installation were especially strict. All files and documents were burnt by officers. German laborers employed at the installation were marched to and from their places of work, which they are not allowed to leave during working hours. (17) 50X1-HUM
18. [] at about 6 p.m. on 25 February, several artillery units, coming from the direction of Potsdam, moved through Petzow and proceeded toward Kammerode. Truck [] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was still in Petzow on 26 February because of engine trouble. 50X1-HUM
At about 4 p.m. on that day, some of the artillery units returned. Fifty-two guns of about 100 mm and 44 guns of about 120 mm were observed with the [] (F-4) [] 50X1-HUM
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19. Coming from the direction of Werder, an artillery column moved through Potsdam-Glindow between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 26 February. It included prime movers, towing three guns of about 150 mm caliber, two tank trucks, one radio truck, one supply truck, one field kitchen, and four trucks carrying troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Included among the vehicles of the column were prime movers [] and trucks []
[] Having stopped in Glindow for one hour, the column 50X1-HUM
left in a southerly direction. Another column, coming from the direction of Wildpark, passed through Glindow between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and proceeded toward Lienewitz. It consisted of two guns of about 150 mm, four personnel carriers,

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one supply truck, and one field kitchen. Prime movers [redacted]
and motor vehicles [redacted] were among the column.

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20. At about 7 a.m. on 28 February, trucks [redacted]
and special truck [redacted] each occupied by 10 to 15 soldiers
and towing a gun, moved to the Potsdam railroad station to be loaded there. (10)

21. Rail shipments [redacted] in Potsdam included
a train of 3 boxcars and 32 flatcars, [redacted] going from [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Potsdam to Neubukow on 28 February; and a train of 13 boxcars and 29 flat- 50X1-HUM
cars, [redacted] going from Potsdam to Neubukow on 1 March.
The last train was loaded with heavy guns and trucks [redacted]

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Comments.

[redacted] The installation is be-
lieved to quarter component units of the 2nd Cds AAA Div, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] and possibly, also elements of the uniden-
tified Sig Regt, possibly the 66th, of the GORC. [redacted]

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(8) [redacted] the entire artillery unit left the
Jelius Kaserne toward Michendorfer Chaussee on 16 February 1951 and returned
that night.

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- (9) If allowance is made for personnel detached, hospitalized, etc., the specified strength of officers and NCOs approaches [redacted] estimates of a gun artillery brigade, that is 1,300 to 1,400 men. [redacted] observed thirty-six 122-mm guns and twelve 152-mm guns with the troops returning from the Aliengrabow troop training grounds in October 1950. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the strength of a 3d Btry at 4 officers and 94 NCOs and EM. [redacted] the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig is believed to be organized into the brigade headquarters; a battalion consisting of a 1st through 3d Btry, each equipped with four 152-mm guns; and a regiment of three battalions, made up of a 4th through 12th Btry, each equipped with four 122-mm guns. Since 76.2-mm AT guns have also always been observed with the brigade, it is possible that there is either an AT artillery battalion under the brigade headquarters or that the AT guns are organically assigned to the batteries for AT protection. The latter possibility seems more likely one since howitzer columns seen on roads en route to training grounds also included AT guns. 50X1-HUM

- (10) [redacted] A component unit of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32nd, was also loaded in Frankfurt/Oder for shipment to the AAA range in Mustraw.

- (11) The restricted area was partly occupied by the unidentified Engr Regt in the summer of 1950. [redacted] the low wooden barracks buildings there were disassembled and shipped away in September 1950. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

- (14) [redacted] a driver school there [redacted] is believed to be subordinate to the GOFG.

- (15) [redacted] some of the MVD offices previously located in Villa Ingenheim moved to the MVD-occupied Landgericht building in September 1950. [redacted]

- (17) The offices in the southern section of the barracks installation probably belong to the Hq GOFG. [redacted]

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